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HOG PRICES UP, CATTLE PRICES UP

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for all hogs for March was \$54.70 per cwt., an increase of \$4.00 from the February price according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The all beef cattle price for March was \$83.10 per cwt., an increase of \$2.70 from the February price.

The price for corn for March averaged \$3.60 per bushel, an increase of 3 cents from the February price. Soybeans were down 26 cents to a March price of \$8.90 per bushel.

The all milk price for March, at \$14.90 per cwt., was down \$1.00 from February.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 141 percent, based on 1990-92=100, is up 4.4 percent from the February index. The Crop Index is 155, up 5.4 percent from February. The Livestock & Products Index, at 128, is 4.1 percent above February.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S. Mar 2010 1/	----- Minnesota -----		
		Mar 2009 2/	Feb 2010 2/	Mar 2010 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu.....	3.82	3/	4.48	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	30.80	3/	35.90	3/
Corn, bu.....	3.49	3.80	3.57	3.60
Hay, All Baled, ton.....	108.00	110.00	115.00	118.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton.....	111.00	115.00	125.00	125.00
Other, Baled, ton.....	98.60	75.00	85.00	80.00
Oats, bu.....	2.12	1.90	1.98	1.90
Potatoes, cwt.....	7.46	6.70	7.00	7.05
Soybeans, bu.....	9.16	8.97	9.16	8.90
Sunflowers, All, cwt.....	16.00	29.00	19.30	3/
Wheat, All, bu.....	4.63	3/	4.66	4.64
Calves, cwt.....	113.00	108.00	115.00	116.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 4/.....	88.80	71.50	80.40	83.10
Cows, cwt, 5/.....	52.40	48.00	52.80	53.70
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	93.90	80.10	86.00	89.00
Milk Cows, head 6/.....	--	--	--	--
Hogs, All, cwt.....	52.80	44.20	50.70	54.70
Barrows & Gilts, cwt.....	52.80	44.20	50.70	54.70
Sows, cwt.....	51.30	42.60	49.40	51.30
Lambs, cwt 7/.....	--	100.00	109.00	--
Sheep, cwt 7/.....	--	27.40	53.00	--
Milk, All, cwt.....	15.10	12.60	15.90	14.90

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 7/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
Prices Received.....	126	126	135	141
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates).....	179	180	184	184
Parity Ratio 1/.....	70	70	73	77

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Mar 2009 2/	Feb 2010 2/	Mar 2010 1/
All Farm Products.....	126	*135	141
Crops.....	147	*147	155
Meat Animals.....	105	*114	119
Dairy Products.....	90	122	116
Poultry & Eggs.....	137	*145	159

* Revised. 1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

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